

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) An actuator assembly for recording information onto a disc surface in a multi-disc track writer, the actuator assembly comprising:

an E-block having one or more elongated actuator arms, each actuator arm having a distally located recording head; and

a stationary vibrationless means for rotating the E-block in the actuator assembly to position the recording heads over a disc surface.

11. (previously presented) The actuator assembly of claim 10 wherein the vibrationless means for rotating the E-block is a rotational gas bearing.

12. (previously presented) The actuator assembly of claim 10 wherein the gas bearing has a rotatable spindle fastened to the E-block.

13. (previously presented) The actuator assembly of claim 10 further comprising means for moving the actuator between a recording position and a disc loading and unloading position.

14. (previously presented) The actuator assembly of claim 13 wherein the means for moving the actuator includes a translational gas bearing.

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15. (previously presented) The actuator assembly of claim 14 wherein the means for moving further includes a slide mechanism for moving the actuator assembly along a platform surface.

16. (new) A track writing apparatus comprising:

an actuator assembly comprising a stationary actuator block having a cavity therein; and

a rotational gas bearing comprising an outer race fixed to the actuator block and a rotatable inner spindle fixed in rotation with a head for storing data on the track.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the rotational gas bearing defines a gap between the outer race and the inner spindle adapted for containing a pressurized fluid supporting the inner spindle in a non-contacting engagement with the outer race.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the inner spindle is operably rotatable around an axis of rotation that is substantially perpendicular to a direction of gravitational force.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the heads are rotated around the inner spindle axis of rotation.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising a motor coupled to the inner spindle.

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21. (new) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising a corner cube providing positional information for controlling the motor to position the heads.